



Children's Trust Fund
Protecting Michigan's Children

Children's Trust Fund is pleased to offer the
Parents Partnering for Change
Leadership Training for Parents
developed by the Parent Leadership in State Government Initiative.*

*A joint initiative between: MI Department of Community Health, MI Department of Human Services, MI Department of Education, and Children's Trust Fund



Who can apply for the training?

- ♦ Any parent or caregiver in Michigan who has a child aged birth to 18 and participates in a CTF-funded program.

Is there a cost for the training?

- ♦ There is no cost to parents to attend. Parents receive mileage reimbursement, a stipend (\$200) for their time, and meals during the training. Hotel may be covered based on travel distance.

How long is the training?

- ♦ The training is two days in length. The first day is held from 1pm-8pm. The second day is held from 9am-4pm. Parents must attend both days.

When and where is it located?

- ♦ June 21 and 22, 2012
- ♦ Okemos, MI

Is childcare available?

- ♦ No, however the project provides reimbursement for childcare needed while at training (up to \$50 per day).

What is the Parent Leadership Training?

CTF is offering the *Parents Partnering for Change* training curriculum to parents in CTF-funded local councils and direct service programs.

The training will address core skills that support parents in leadership roles and will help parents become more involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of CTF programs.

Training topics include:

- How to tell your family story
- What it means to be a parent leader
- Improving communication skills
- How a board works
- Effective meetings and how to handle conflict

After the training, parents are encouraged to put their new skills to use. Parents receive support from a Parent Leadership in State Government (PLISG) parent mentor, and can connect with new opportunities for involvement through Facebook® and a Yahoo® group.

Have you ever wanted to use your voice to make a difference? This training teaches you how to get involved in advisory boards, committees, and other leadership roles. You will learn alongside other parents in this informative and interactive training. The goal of this training is to provide you with new knowledge and skills, as well as to inspire and motivate you to get involved!

To apply use the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/CTF-Leadership-Training>

If you have questions, please contact:

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